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Faculty to evaluate García, Artibise

Officials state case for merger bill HB 1000

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UTB/TSC Senate Faculty President Elizabeth Heise and Vice President Kevin Buckler hear the motion to enter into executive session for a second time during a senate meeting Feb. 15 in the SET-B third-floor conference room.

Last review took place three years ago

By Marlane Rodriguez  
THE COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC faculty will evaluate President Juliet V. García and Provost Alan Artibise, as well as their respective deans and chairs beginning in mid-March, university officials say.

The Faculty Senate met with Artibise Feb. 15 to discuss the evaluations and other matters.

“Those will be going forward and we reported on that,” the provost told *The Collegian* about the evaluations. “The senate seems to be comfortable with the process, and that will take place in the end of March.”

Blanca Bauer, the university’s executive director of Research,

Planning and Effectiveness, said the evaluations are a feedback mechanism where the faculty is given the opportunity to evaluate the president, the provost, their deans and chairs.

“There has been no evaluation for the past three years,” Bauer said. “In the past, we used to evaluate all administrators academic and non-academic. ... We will commence doing [it] at the request of the faculty senate. We’re going to begin the week after Spring Break, which would make it March 18.”

The faculty will be evaluating only academic administrators, Bauer said.

“They’re not going to be doing the Vice President of Business [Affairs],” she said. “They’ll only be

doing anybody who is within their hierarchy of supervision.”

But then all faculty, regardless of what college or department they’re in, will evaluate the provost and the president, Bauer said.

“Basically, it was the faculty senate who has been advocating to do this,” she said. Because the faculty is requesting to provide feedback, Bauer said García and Artibise agreed to have the evaluations.

Elizabeth Heise, faculty senate president and an assistant professor in the Chemistry and Environmental Sciences Department, said the point of evaluations is to give feedback so that the institution can run better.

“It’s university policy that

we evaluate the administration periodically,” Heise said.

During the Feb. 15 meeting, the faculty senate divided into groups for second-reading workshops on several Handbook of Operating Procedures, or HOP, policies, including:

- non-reappointment of a non-tenured, tenure-track faculty member;
- academic university committees and councils;
- emeritus faculty; and
- conflict of commitment, conflict of interest and outside activities;

During the Provost’s Report portion of the meeting, Artibise said faculty will be involved in the

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House Higher Ed Committee holds first hearing

By Joe Molina and Marlane Rodriguez  
THE COLLEGIAN

State Rep. Rene Oliveira (D-Brownsville), University of Texas System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa, UT-Brownsville President Juliet V. García and UT-Pan American President Robert Nelsen touted HB 1000, the bill that seeks the merger of both universities, before the House Higher Education Committee last Wednesday.

House Bill 1000, filed Feb. 4, would authorize the UT System board of regents to abolish UT-Brownsville and UT-Pan American and create a university with academic campuses in Cameron and Hidalgo counties, an academic center in Starr County and a medical school, the location of which would be determined by a committee established by the regents.

Oliveira, who was the first to speak, laid out the bill before the committee.

“What this bill will do is merge the institutions of UT-Pan American, UT-Brownsville, the Regional Academic Health Center, which is located in Harlingen, and other assets that the university has put together,” he said. “We’re not going to pick school colors. We’re not going to get involved with that. That should be done by the institution, and the UT System.”

Oliveira said the framework for the UT-Health Science Center South Texas is already there. Although the health center will be built in

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# SGA has safety in mind

## Senate will help sponsor Spring Break Luau

By Alex Rodriguez  
THE COLLEGIAN

The Student Government Association has voted to support the Luau 2013: Safe Spring Break event with funds for materials promoting responsible alcohol use and the avoidance of risky behaviors during the weeklong student holiday.

During its meeting last Tuesday, the senate approved Resolution 16, which allocates \$500 to buy promotional materials such as posters and advertisements for the luau, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 6 at the Student Union.

The event will “not just be about Spring Break, although it does focus on Spring Break because of the celebratory nature of that week,” Judicial Affairs Coordinator David Mariscal told the SGA.

“We know when students get in a celebration type of mind frame, they tend not to focus on some of the safety issues, particularly the safety issues that involve alcohol,” Mariscal said.

He said Student Health Services will present information on sexual responsibility alongside Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) representatives, who will be promoting the use of designated drivers. He would also like for



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Student Government Association Adviser Heather Olague announces plans for “March for the Future,” a civil rights march scheduled at 5 p.m. today from Tandy Hall to the Education and Business Complex. The event is part of UTB/TSC’s observance of African-American History Month.

the SGA to gather signatures of students who pledge to be responsible with the use of alcohol and practice safety during Spring Break and the rest of the semester.

The event will also include games, music and free fajita tacos. The tacos will be given to the first 600 students who sign the pledge for Spring Break safety.

The Student Risk Management Committee is in charge of the luau. The committee is composed of Residential Life, Student Life, the Dean of Students Office, Campus Police, Student Health Services, Environmental Health Safety and representatives of various student organizations, Mariscal said.

SGA Adviser Heather Olague talked about the March for the Future that will take place at 5 p.m. Monday from Tandy Hall to the Education and Business Complex’s Salon Cassia. The event is part of the university’s

observance of African American History Month.

Olague said “the march will mimic a civil rights march but more for the 21st century.” She encourages students to make a poster about what they are passionate about and join the march.

At the end of the march there will be a discussion panel led by Marilyn Woods, executive assistant to UT-Brownsville President Juliet V. García; a performance by the South Texas Mass Choir, under the direction of Pastor Donald Hamm; and guest speakers the Rev. Armand Mathew and Estela Martinez, administrative assistant of the Center for Civic Engagement.

In other business, Pedro Rangel, the SGA’s vice president of accounting and finance, reported that the senate has encumbered \$3,830.02 of its budget, leaving a balance of \$8,082.81, not including monies allocated for the Spring Break Luau.

## POLICE REPORTS

*The following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police between Feb. 4 and 7.*

**Monday, Feb. 4**  
**11:33 a.m.:** A student reported being harassed by her husband after filing for divorce. She said her husband had been harassing her since last month because she had moved out of his home and began the process for divorce. Days before, he went to her class in SET-B and asked her to come outside. He was upset and grabbed her from the wrists on several occasions to get her to leave the building. Since then, the student has received multiple e-mails, text messages and phone calls from him. She said he accessed her e-mail accounts and sent her messages through there. She has changed her telephone number and tried to change the passwords to her e-mails. Her husband was also asking her friends and family members about her whereabouts and his mother has also called the student and her family. The student said she would file a report with the Brownsville Police Department.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
**11:20 a.m.:** A Campus Police

corporal on foot patrol found a small plastic bag with marijuana residue in Lot Y. There was not enough residue inside the bag to test it for marijuana; however, the corporal said it had a strong odor of marijuana.  
**1:36 p.m.:** A student reported his tires were flat after he drove off campus. He was advised by Campus Police that someone witnessed a woman deflating the tires of his Mazda Miata. The student mentioned an incident he had earlier in which he was approached by a woman who wanted to park in the same spot that he was in. He said the woman parked behind his car for five minutes while he was still inside and was yelling at him. The student said he did not confront the woman and eventually got out of his car and went to class. He stated that he wanted to file charges against the woman if she is responsible for the criminal mischief.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6**  
**10:15 a.m.:** A Parking and Traffic staff member reported a Ford Taurus displaying an altered registration insignia. He

said one of the numbers on the registration had been replaced with another number. The car was booted and the driver was later issued a court appearance citation.  
**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
**9:22 a.m.:** A woman reported witnessing the driver of a BMW strike a pedestrian by Lot V. The woman said the driver did not get out of her vehicle to check on the pedestrian, who kept walking toward Cardenas Hall North. The witness said she asked him if he was all right to which he replied he was. The driver of the BMW said that she was looking for a parking spot in Lot V and noticed someone exiting a spot behind her. She said she backed up her car and looked in both directions but did not see anyone walking behind the car. When she stopped, a man came to her window and told her that she had almost hit him. She said she did not believe she hit him. Campus Police was unable to get in contact with the man who was allegedly hit.

--Compiled by Samantha Ruiz

# Brownsville’s mystery

By Cori Aiken  
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Brownsville is a city rich in history, but there is a specific event that hangs over it like a dark cloud.

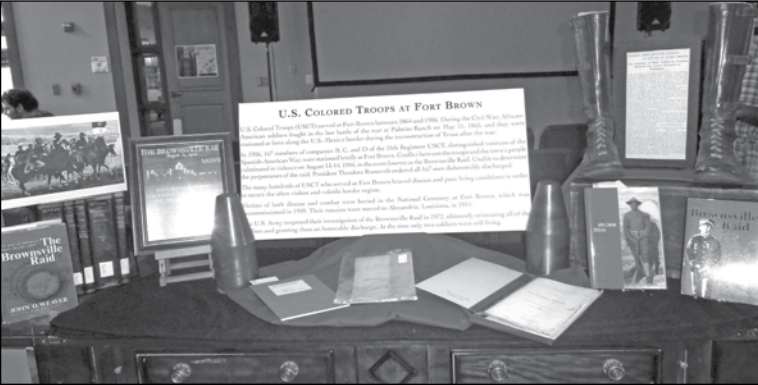
A screening of “Discharged without Honor: The Brownsville Raid” was held in the Student Union’s La Sala last Tuesday as part of a weeklong series of events celebrating African American History Month.

The documentary originally aired in 1999 on the popular television series “History’s Mysteries” on the History Channel and focuses on an awful event that took place here. In August of 1906, Fort

that the soldiers used at the fort to frame the soldiers.

Along with the viewing of the film, the Archives Department of the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library displayed a variety of items related to the raid, including actual records of the soldiers who were discharged, copies of hearings, a copy of a speech that demanded further investigation given by Sen. Joseph B. Foracker and many books on the subject.

Event and Exhibit Coordinator Millie Hernandez said “there is a very nice collection on the subject of the raids, along with other historic events having to do with Fort Brown and Brownsville.”



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The Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library Archives Department displays a variety of items related to the Brownsville Raid last Tuesday in the Student Union, including records of the soldiers discharged, copies of hearings and books on the subject.

Brown was occupied by an African-American infantry. There was significant racial tension between the residents of Brownsville and the soldiers at the fort.

On the night of Aug. 13, several people raided Brownsville by firing shots in the town. One man was wounded and another man was killed during the raid. The soldiers at Fort Brown were accused of the incident. Under President Theodore Roosevelt, the U.S. Army investigated the occurrence and found the African-American soldiers stationed at the fort guilty without a trial. One hundred sixty-seven soldiers were dishonorably discharged, costing them pensions and preventing them from serving in civil service jobs.

It would take 66 years for the 167 soldiers to be exonerated, under President Richard M. Nixon. Only one member of the infantry was still alive, 90-year-old Dorsey Willis.

The incident would be one of many events to help create the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Urban League.

The documentary suspects that some Brownsville residents fired the shots into the town using the same ammunition

UTB/TSC students have access to the archives and are encouraged to visit the Oliveira Library to view the items.

UTB/TSC nursing student Rubenia Ayala, who attended the screening, developed an interest in Brownsville history after taking a class taught by History Professor Manuel Medrano.

“I thought this was pretty cool how they did this for everybody,” Ayala said about the event. “I really enjoyed it.”

Jorge Hernandez, who graduated from UTB/TSC in 2010 with a bachelor’s degree in history, would like to research the topic further, saying: “I especially enjoy Brownsville history and not many people go into this topic.”

Hernandez, who is now a park ranger at the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site north of Brownsville, would like for people to learn more about the significant history of the city.

“The Mexican-American war started here, the last battle of the Civil War took place here,” he said. “The Brownsville Raid is an episode that most people don’t want to hear, or try to ignore, but serves as a reminder that history is not always pleasant.”

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TSC awarded \$350,000 in grants  
2 more directors hired

By Samantha Ruiz  
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Arnold Trejo, Texas Southmost College’s new director of Financial Aid, addresses the TSC board of trustees during the meeting last Thursday night. Trejo said his goals are to obtain grant funding and protect Pell grants.

Texas Southmost College President Lily Tercero announced grants of \$300,000 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and \$50,000 from the Southern Education Foundation during last Thursday’s board of trustees meeting. Tercero said the money from THECB will be used toward the college’s developmental education program.

“Basically, with this grant TSC will be able to put into place an effective diagnostic placement procedure for first-year students, to place tutors and mentors in all

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City commission sets election date  
Districts 3, 4 and At Large “B” positions available



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Brownsville Mayor Tony Martinez holds the first-place trophy for the Healthy at H-E-B Community Challenge, which the city received for earning the most points—250,510—in the mid-sized city category.

By Kaila Contreras  
THE COLLEGIAN

The City of Brownsville will conduct elections May 11 for city commission Districts 3, 4 and At-Large “B.” District 3 Commissioner Melissa Zamora told *The Collegian* Friday afternoon she will not seek re-election in order to “focus on my family and my career.”

“I had the opportunity to work on many great projects that will have a long-term impact on this community, and I’m proud to be a part of that,” said Zamora, who served one term. Asked what advice she has for those who are interested in being a city commissioner, she

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A star soon to  
be among us  
Campus to host Mr. Amigo  
2012 Eduardo Yáñez  
on Thursday

By Viridiana Zúñiga  
SPANISH EDITOR

The UTB/TSC campus will pay tribute to Mr. Amigo 2012, Eduardo Yáñez, with a series of activities Thursday that are being held in conjunction with Brownsville’s Charro Days celebration.

“Mr. Amigo is a Mexican ambassador who represents the friendship and goodwill of his nation,” said Yesenia Patiño, president of the Mr. Amigo Association. “We always try to bring someone who is very well respected, with a very good background and career; someone that can represent Mexico very highly.”

Yáñez, 52, accepted the title of Mr. Amigo 2012 last November. He is primarily known for his roles in soap operas, such as *“Dulce desafío”* (1989), *“Destilando amor”* (2007) and *“Fuego en la Sangre”* (2008); he has appeared in 31 movies, including *“Striptease”* (1996) and *“The Punisher”* (2004). He is currently working in the soap opera *“Amores Verdaderos”* (2012).

The title of Mr. Amigo has been held by such renowned and distinguished individuals as Cantinflas, Angélica María, María Félix, Juan Gabriel and Vicente Fernández. The first Mr. Amigo was former Mexican President Manuel Alemán.

“Matamoros and Brownsville have



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been sister cities for a long time; there is a history of friendship between us that we remember every year through the Charro Days celebration,” said Matamoros Mayor Alfonso Sánchez. “During difficult times, like these, is when we have to work, support each other and grow together, because if Matamoros is fine, Brownsville will be fine, and vice versa.”

The Mr. Amigo Association, established 49 years ago, has 18 members and its purpose is to strengthen the friendship between Matamoros and Brownsville and to celebrate their shared culture.

UTB/TSC will welcome Mr. Amigo with the annual Golf Cart Parade, in which 23 different departments and organizations will participate. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. outside Student Union and proceed down the *Paseo* to the Arts Center, where a pre-show will take place at 11 a.m., according to Student Life Director Sergio Martinez.

Performances by Grupo Folklórico Tizatán, Mariachi Ocelotetlán,

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# The Brick House meets the brick



By Gabriela Moreno  
COLUMNIST

Picture this: You wake up in a perfect mood and you know your day is going to be awesome. You're rested, that weird pain in your neck is gone, and you have a variety of underwear to choose from. You drive to school and effortlessly find a parking spot close to your class. Your class goes great, and the professor did not assign any homework. So you're walking down the wonderfully paved walkways of UTB/TSC like a boss, you know all eyes are on you because of how fabulous you look, and you wonder if this day could get any better. And then, *Bam!* You find yourself face-planting on the ground thanks to a brick that somehow decided to jut out 5 centimeters above the rest. There goes your dignity. There goes your day.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Black canvas carrying sacks

First, I thought the black canvas carrying sacks contained folding chairs. Then, I thought they had musical instruments, say trombones. And I also thought the narrower sacks had pool cues. The store's doors were jammed, Customers rushing out of the sun-heated parking lot to buy, Buyers hurrying out to cars and trucks, Sacks over shoulders, Handle-held sacks swaying, Guns, long, often heavy, secure in sacks. Explanation. A Mexican woman said: "We in Mexico don't think about having a gun, especially at home." "You in the United States do." Clear she was. Clear she is.

Eugene "Gene" Novogrodsky  
Brownsville resident



# How are you going to celebrate Charro Days?

## I Think

Well, I haven't gone to Charro Days parades in a long time, so maybe I'll go watch it with my family and friends."

**Miriam Daniela de León**  
Biomedicine sophomore

"With my family, we're going to eat tamales, frijoles, traditional Mexican food. All the good stuff, yeah!"

**José Alfredo Rico**  
Nursing sophomore

"Charro Days, my family is coming from upstate. We are going to the parades downtown; hopefully, we get a good spot."

**Diego de la Peña**  
Nursing freshman

--Compiled by Alex Rodriguez  
--Photos by Bryan Romero



BILL

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Harlingen, Oliveira said it will be for the whole Rio Grande Valley.

“I’m pretty confident that we’re going to get the two-thirds vote,” Oliveira said. “We have a lot of work to do.”

García then explained to the committee why the merger bill needs to pass.

“There is nothing wrong with the human capital in the Rio Grande Valley that a little bit of opportunity can’t solve,” she said. “And that’s what really this hearing is about today.”

García noted UT-Brownsville’s accomplishments in chess, biomedical research, astronomy and physics.

“Imagine what we’ve been able to do with very little resources, with constraints of limited number of degree programs because we couldn’t build up a critical mass of faculty, with constraints in facilities, because we did not have access to Permanent University Funds,” she said. “The point is, there is no limit to what you can imagine the potential to be in the Rio Grande Valley, not only for the Valley, not only for Texas. But imagine what we’ll become when we become a portal to all the Latin American countries as well.”

Nelsen teared up as he explained why the merger bill should pass.

“The reasons for the new university are so clear and so simple I can be clear about them,” Nelsen said. “At UT-Pan American, we have 129 square gross feet for every one of our students. At [the University

of Texas at El Paso], they have 203 gross square feet for their students, at Austin they have 355 gross square feet.

“Why do we have so little? Because we’ve never had access to PUF.”

He said 800 students applied last month to UT-Pan American’s physician assistant program, adding that Texas produces only 300 physician assistants, 50 of which come from UTPA.

“Eight hundred qualified people applied. Why didn’t I accept 100? Why didn’t I accept 200? Because I don’t have PUF, and I don’t have the space, and I don’t have the laboratories,” Nelsen told the committee. “Seven hundred eighty babies were born last month; that’s one of five hospitals that surrounds us. Every two months, we need two new elementary schools and one new middle school in the Valley.

“We have to keep up with that population explosion; PUF is crucial for that.”

Nelsen also spoke about the length of time people have to wait to see a doctor, noting that his wife has waited six hours to see a doctor.”

“Having more doctors down there will stop that from happening,” he said.

Oliveira ended his testimony by stressing that HB 1000 is a regional bill with a 78 percent poll approval in the Valley. He asked the committee to consider the two-thirds legislative vote the bill needs.

“Everybody’s fingerprint is on this bill,” he said. “Everybody has touched it. Everybody has massaged it and it’s just great to have such a unity among all our Valley communities, among

our Valley education leaders.”

Rep. Drew Darby (R-San Angelo) asked Oliveira about the bill’s language, which states that the board of regents “shall equitably allocate the primary facilities and operations of the university among Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr counties.”

“How are you going to work this out?” Darby asked. “... Obviously, every one of the members that appeared before us today had their own ideas about what is equitable and what is not.”

Oliveira replied: “What we did ... was [meet] with all the community leaders, the different commissioners’ courts, the mayors, different city councils and say, ‘Look, this is going to be a regional thing. That’s how it was presented to us.’”

Oliveira said he felt “very strongly” about not telling the board of regents or Cigarroa what to do.

“We put in the bill as a compromise amongst us,” he said, “that there would be an advisory committee with local folks involved working with the university to try and suggest and guide them. ... There has to be faith and trust in this and I have faith and trust in them.”

Oliveira also said he was comfortable with the bill stating that a substantial part of the medical school would be in Hidalgo and Cameron counties.

“All of our hospitals, some more than others, are going to have to put in money,” he told Darby.

Oliveira said the City of McAllen spends \$40 million for doctors’ residency programs.

“They need doctors. They are willing to put their money where

their mouth is and be a part of this in a partnership with the UT System and the state,” he said.

Oliveira ultimately envisions the UT System board of regents and the chancellor developing a plan to meet the demands for the new university and that each community will do its best to solicit housing the new university.

“I expect [Mayor Chris Boswell], on behalf of the City of Harlingen, to work very aggressively to promote Harlingen and to make sure the Regional Academic Health Center ... is a big part of this. I expect McAllen to do the same things and Brownsville.”

Only until the Valley has successfully “wooed” the UT System into the Valley, Oliveira said, will the “Football Friday mentality” begin among the communities.

“You know, [the] Legislature doesn’t want to referee those football matches,” Darby said. “We don’t want to get in the middle of a dogfight, either.”

Dan Branch, chairman of the House Committee on Higher Education Texas, interjected, “Amen to that.”

Darby said the language of the bill was general and warned Oliveira that what is agreed upon today might become a misunderstanding tomorrow.

Oliveira did not reject the possibility of “brush fires here and there” and emphasized his priority now is in getting the two-thirds vote of the House.

“This isn’t just a win for the Valley, it’s a win for the state,” Oliveira said.

Branch said he hopes there will

be competent leadership when and if the new university begins to grow in the Valley. He expects there to be a fair distribution of assets among the cities and regions and if one were to lose out on an opportunity, it will be compensated down the road in another way.

“As long as I’ve been here, Mr. Chairman, we’ve always had our little fights and we’ve never had this kind of unity,” Oliveira replied. “... We have so much more that is uniting us than is dividing us.”

He said he told community leaders that it was unwise to fight in this bill now, that doing so would make them responsible for “destroying” the only chance to access the PUF.

In regard to Tuition Revenue Bond funding, Oliveira said he expects UTB and UT-Pan Am will continue to seek funding separately from HB 1000 in order to meet the standard of 175 square feet per student.

“We have crowding,” he said. “We have problems.”

In regard to operational efficiency, Oliveira said that despite the initial savings about \$7 million after consolidating the current budgets of \$160 million for UT-Brownsville, \$249 million for UT-Pan American and \$20 million for the RAHC, there would be a lot of new job opportunities made available through the merger.

“The few faculty members or the staff members that are very worried about what could happen to them, I think there is going to be places for. ... We see this as more programs, more faculty [and] more staff being needed as you expand.”



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By Cori Aiken  
THE COLLEGIAN

Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán will perform its 25th anniversary show with current and former students at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Arts Center.

Among the dancers who will take part in the show is Oscar Hernandez, who joined the group two years ago and credits Charro Days as one of the events that inspired him to dance.

“I have always liked dancing, ever since I was little, performing in the parade,” Hernandez said in an interview with *The Collegian* last Tuesday.

Later it was watching Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán perform that drew him to audition.

“I went to go see one of the folklórico shows and I loved it,” Hernandez said.

Jesus Eduardo Lopez, who graduated from UTB/TSC in 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in translation and interpreting, said he has learned self-discipline since joining the group 14 years ago.

“Being consistent, practicing your techniques and steps, and training with your peers is a must,” Lopez said.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Members of Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán perform during Fiesta Mexicana last September in the Arts Center.

He said that on top of weekly rehearsals, group members have to learn about the meanings behind each dance and costumes and the many customs from different states in Mexico.

Senior math education major Cristina Zermelo was also drawn to the group because of her love of dance.

Zermelo considers group members her family.

“I love every single member of the group,” she said. “We are not only friends but family and I know that we can all count with

one another no matter what happens.”

Zermelo also has advice for students thinking about joining the group.

“At times, dancing folklórico might be challenging but eventually you will get the hang of it,” she said. “At the end, I know that they will enjoy it as much as I do.”

For more information, about the 25th anniversary festivities contact Health and Human

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POETRY SLAM**  
**Wednesday:** The **Office of Student Life** will host a **Poetry Slam** from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Student Union veranda. The event will feature **Odd?Rod**, an author, entertainer and poet. Admission is free. The first 15 students to sign up will have the chance to win cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25. For more information, call 882-5111.

**‘LA CABEZA DE VILLA’**  
**Thursday:** The UTB/TSC **History Department** and the **Mexican Consulate in Brownsville** will host the presentation of UNAM’s history professor **Pedro Salmerón Sanguinés’** novel, “**La Cabeza de Villa,**” at 10 a.m. in the Education and Business Complex’s Salón Cassia. English interpretation will be provided. Admission is free. For more information, call UTB/TSC Professor Emeritus of History **Anthony K. Knopp** at 882-8258.

**INTERNATIONAL FEMALE SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Thursday:** The **Office of Global Engagement** is accepting nominations for a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a female international student. Female international students must be nominated by faculty or staff. For more information, e-mail International Student Adviser II **Aragelia Salazar** at aragelia.salazar@utb.edu.

**‘PARTY WITH A PLAN’ WORKSHOP**  
**March 6:** The **Student Success**

**Center** will conduct a workshop titled “Party with a Plan” from noon to 1 p.m. in Cardenas Hall North 116. The workshop will discuss staying healthy during Spring Break. For more information, call 882-8292.

**‘TO STUDY AT UTB OR ABROAD’ WORKSHOP**  
**March 7:** The **Student Success Center** will conduct a workshop for sophomores titled “**To Study at UTB or Abroad**” from noon to 1 p.m. in Cardenas Hall North 116. This workshop includes students’ perspectives to study abroad or here. For more information, call 882-8292.

**CROSS COUNTRY TRYOUTS**  
**March 9:** Tryouts to join the Fall 2013 **cross country teams** will take place from 7 a.m. to noon outside the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center. Women will run a 3.1-mile course and men will run a 5-mile course. Students must bring adequate running shoes. Students who are already part of a cross-country collegiate program must try out again to join next semester. For more information, call Coach **Dan Balaguero** at 882-7386.

**ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK**  
**March 11-13:** The **Center for Civic Engagement**, the **Office of Student Life** and the **City of Brownsville Parks and Recreation Department** are organizing an **Alternative Spring Break** for students, faculty and staff to serve the

Buena Vida neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 11 to 13 at the Brownsville Parks and Recreation Department. Activities will include health screenings, fitness activities, arts and crafts and education about the environment and health. Volunteers are asked to sign up by the end of February. For more information, call center Administrative Assistant **Estela Martinez** at 882-4300.

**SPRING CYCLOBIA 2013**  
**March 17:** The **City of Brownsville** will host its second **Cyclobia** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will travel a seven-mile route by either walking or riding a bike. The route will begin at **Dean Porter Park** and proceed on Seventh Street to Elizabeth Street, then end at University Boulevard. Along the way there will be *reclovías*, or recreation areas, at **Washington Park**, the **UTB/TSC REK Center** and **Lincoln Park**. The *reclovías* will feature live music, food vendors and healthy activities. The purpose of the event is to motivate people to be active and to live a healthy life. For more information, call **Transforming Texas** Grant Project Specialist **Maria Jose Cavazos** at 547-6530.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**March 20:** **Student Health Services** and **United Blood Services** will conduct a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in **Cardenas Hall South 117**. For

more information, call Student Health Services Secretary **Beverly Estrada** at 882-7643.

**COMMUNICATION EXPO**  
**March 21:** The **Communication Department** will host a **Communication Expo** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union’s Gran Salón. The event is to promote UTB/TSC’s communication Program to undeclared majors and prospective students. There will be more than 10 booths that will offer information about the program, such as what courses to take, types of clubs and degree plan. The expo will feature clubs and organizations affiliated with the field of communication, such as the university’s student newspaper *The Collegian* and **UTB Radio**. For more information, call Associate Professor of Communication **John Cook** at 882-8851.

**BUSY MOMS SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Student Health Services** invites UTB/TSC students who are mothers to participate in the **Busy Moms Support Group** noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday in Cortez Hall 237 until May 17. The purpose of the group is to educate mothers in parenting skills, child development, mental health issues, learning processes, health and safety for children and wellness and health for mothers. This Thursday’s topic will be “Nutrition to Prevent Childhood Obesity and Type II Diabetes.” For more information, call 882-3896.

--Compiled by Brenda Lopez



HOROSCOPES

‘It’s not Héctor’s fault; he just writes what the planets tell him.’

By Héctor Aguilar  
THE COLLEGIAN

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**-Your talkative nature draws people to you. Use this to your advantage and schedule some fun time with your loved one. Make sure you take care of all your bills this week to avoid late fees that will suck your finances dry.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**-Your immune system may get a hit this week, so eat healthily and increase your consumption garlic and onion. Find ways to fight senility and stimulate your brain with games that involve thinking.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**-It’s time to lighten up your life in a creative manner. Paint your bedroom or write some poetry; find some way to make yourself feel better. Establish bonds with nature, whether that involves taking your dog out for a walk or watering your plants.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**-Read a book this week to open your window of perception! If you don’t have anything of interest, visit the public library. Include mushrooms as part of your diet. These spore-fruited fleshy bodies can be prepared in multiple ways.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**-You’ve been in search of something new that will be fun. Try hosting a party or a small get-together that will give you the motivation for the rest of the week. The fiery house of love is at its peak, take advantage of this.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**-Be good, Virgo, or Karma will get you. Remember

what goes around, comes around. Exciting news will come your way in unexpected forms.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**-You’ve been lacking in hygiene when going to the bathroom. Don’t forget to wash your hands! Not only will you be healthier but also cleaner.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**-Find ways to exercise that body of yours, Scorpio! More people are paying attention to you than you think.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**-You’re on the verge of a major decision. Make sure you’ve thought things through before you execute action. Whatever it is that you decide will impact your life for the remainder of the year. Your house of finances will be getting an upgrade this week; be prepared.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)**-It seems that a love interest is headed your way if you are single. If you’re in a relationship, this will be a great week in terms of love. Red-hot surprises await you this week.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**-Take care of health issues once they begin. Don’t wait until the problem has progressed exponentially. Your habit of leaving things to the last minute often bites you on the butt. Learn from your mistakes, Aquarius.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**-After recovering from being under the weather, this week will be a transition period for you. Make sure that you conclude things smoothly and prepare for the future.

ARTOPIA 2013

**Today:** The deadline to submit artwork for **Artopia 2013** is 5 p.m. in Student Union 1.20. For more information, call 882-5033.

GRUPO FOLKLÓRICO TIZATLÁN

**Tuesday:** UTB/TSC’s **Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán** will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a performance featuring students and alumni at 7 p.m. in the Arts Center. For tickets (\$4 to \$8), call 882-8290 or contact Health and Human Performance Chair **Zelma Mata** at zelma.mata@utb.edu.

MR. AMIGO GOLF CART PARADE

**Thursday:** All departments, student organizations and students are encouraged to participate and wear Charro Days-themed attire. The parade departs at 10:35 a.m. along the Paseo toward the Arts Center. For details, rules or to pre-register, call Student Development Specialist II **Stephen Cisneros** at 882-5130.

WELCOME MR. AMIGO, EDUARDO YÁÑEZ

**Thursday:** UTB/TSC and the Mr. Amigo Association present Mr. Amigo 2012, **Eduardo Yáñez**, a Mexican television and film actor, at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Arts Center. A program of music and dance will begin at 11 a.m. featuring **Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán**, **Mariachi Ocelotetlán**, **Raul J. Guerra Early Childhood Center**, and special performances by **Veronique Medrano**, **Cleiri Quezada** and **La Sonora Norteño Banda**.

MARIACHI VARGAS

**March 3:** **Mariachi Vargas** will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Arts Center. Winner of numerous awards, including “World’s Best Mariachi,” Mariachi Vargas is universally regarded as the definitive mariachi ensemble. For tickets (\$49 to \$79), visit [UTBTickets.com](http://UTBTickets.com) or call 882-8587.

‘FIDDLER ON THE ROOF’

**March 7:** “**Fiddler on the Roof**,” one of America’s best-loved musicals, will be performed at 7 p.m. March 7 as part of the Arts Center’s **Signature Series** For tickets (\$39 to \$75), call 882-7750.

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**BACKGROUND PHOTO:**  
Children enjoy riding the Wacky Worm roller-coaster Feb. 16 at the Heart of America Carnival in the Sunrise Mall parking lot.



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Members of the Catholic Campus Ministry include David Bujanos (front row, from left), Alejandra Garcia, Lillian Martinez, Yulbaneli Mejia and Johnny Diaz. Second row: Music Minister Eduardo Hernandez and Jonathan Arias. Third row: Marisol Saavedra, Catholic Diocese of Brownsville Bishop Daniel Flores, Campus Minister Lisa Lysaght and the Rev. Manuel Razo. Fourth row: Eduardo Padilla, Joshua Isaguirre, Secretary Marcia Chapa, Vice President Aidee Chavez, Beatriz Guerrero, Lucas Gomez, Jessica Saenz and President David Garcia. Fifth row: Kimberly Benavidez and Fabian Salazar.

**Name:** Catholic Campus Ministry

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**President:** David Garcia

**Adviser:** Campus Minister Lisa Lysaght

**Vice President:** Aidee Chavez

**Treasurer:** Robert Osornio

**Community Service:** MLK Day of Service this semester; also plans to assist orphans and senior citizens.

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replied: “You have to have some really thick skin and determination. For those who remain in office, stick by your principles and don’t be swayed by self-interest.”

Commissioner At-Large “B” Rose Gowen and District 4 Commissioner John Villarreal both said they will seek re-election.

The Brownsville City Commission set the election date during its meeting last Tuesday.

The commission approved the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Utilities System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A.

Leandro García, chief financial officer for the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, said PUB is seeking to refinance the bonds to “take advantage of federal bond market interest rates.”

Financial adviser Noe Hinojosa told the commission: “We’re taking out \$109,985,000 at a current [interest] rate of 5.56 [percent] and we’re going to replace those bonds with a rate of 3.367.”

For the second consecutive time, the commission tabled action on an ordinance that would allow a game arcade at 2804 Southmost Rd.

Comprehensive Planning Manager Ramiro Gonzalez told the commission that staff, including the city attorney and secretary, researched whether

there “was a moratorium or not” on gaming arcades.

“We discovered that there was not a moratorium, there has never been a moratorium passed on arcades,” Gonzalez said, adding that the issue was discussed in 2007.

He said the issue was brought back before the commission in January 2008 at which time it was tabled. Since then another request for a gaming arcade permit was denied, Gonzalez said.

“I recall and Commissioner Zamora recalls, as well, [that] the previous commission, we did pass a moratorium,” Gowen said. “And then I remembered it came back because another business wanted a permit. ... I remember being told that the moratorium we had previously passed expired and, if I’m not mistaken, we re-passed it.”

At Large Commissioner “A” Estela Chavez-Vasquez said: “I think at this point, regardless of whether there was or not, we’re asking for [the] legal [division] to look into it, to bring that back to the commission so that we can pass something, if it hasn’t already been passed.”

Gonzalez said that is what the staff plans to do.

“However, this application came in before that moratorium is in place, so we still have to consider this application,” he said, adding that the recommendation of the planning department is that it be denied.

City Attorney Mark Sossi  
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academic strategic plan that will be presented in May to the University of Texas System board of regents. He also said all UT System campuses have been ordered to develop a four-year tuition program by Fall 2014.

“By that I mean, when a student enrolls as a freshman, and as long as they perform satisfactorily, their tuition rate is guaranteed for four years,” Artibise said about the program. He said if a student takes five years and there has been an increase in tuition, then that student’s tuition will increase.

The provost said the program “will give certainty to families” and is “an incentive to finish [college] on time.”

Artibise said discussions continue with Texas Southmost College regarding rental and/or purchase of buildings and land and hopes the talks will be completed by the end of the month.

“I know there are some issues that your leadership has raised with the president and myself,” Artibise said, in an apparent reference to Section 4 C of House Bill 1000. “President García is out of town today and at the earliest convenience will meet with [the Executive Council] to discuss these issues. She has had discussions with senior people at System. I wasn’t involved in those discussions.”

Section 4 C of HB 1000 states: “In recognition of the abolition of the University of Texas-Pan

American and University of Texas at Brownsville, as authorized by this Act, the board of regents shall facilitate the employment at the university created by this Act of as many faculty and staff of the abolished universities as is prudent and practical.”

In an e-mail dated Feb. 7, Heise and other Faculty Senate officers wrote: “In regards to Section 4 C, we asked for clarification of the intent of this section in writing. Drs. García and [UT System Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Pedro] Reyes both stated that they interpret the language in that section to apply to the elimination of redundancy in administration referenced by the chancellor in his announcement of the merger plans in Dec. Dr. García is going to consult with UT System to get a specific policy on how tenure status and faculty positions will be handled after the merger if the bill passes. When we hear something, we will share it with you.”

When Artibise asked the faculty senate if there were any other issues it wanted to bring up, Faculty Senate Vice President Kevin Buckler said: Madam President, before we go into the question-and-answer session, I would like to make a motion to invoke Article IV, Section IV of the Senate Constitution, which calls for private sessions and an executive session with the provost and we would get to invite then into the session who we deemed appropriate and the motion that I’m making is to have UTB employees invited into the

session.”

The motion passed, at which time Heise announced, “All non-UTB employees please excuse yourselves from the room.”

Buckler interjected, “This includes media,” which drew laughter from the meeting attendees.

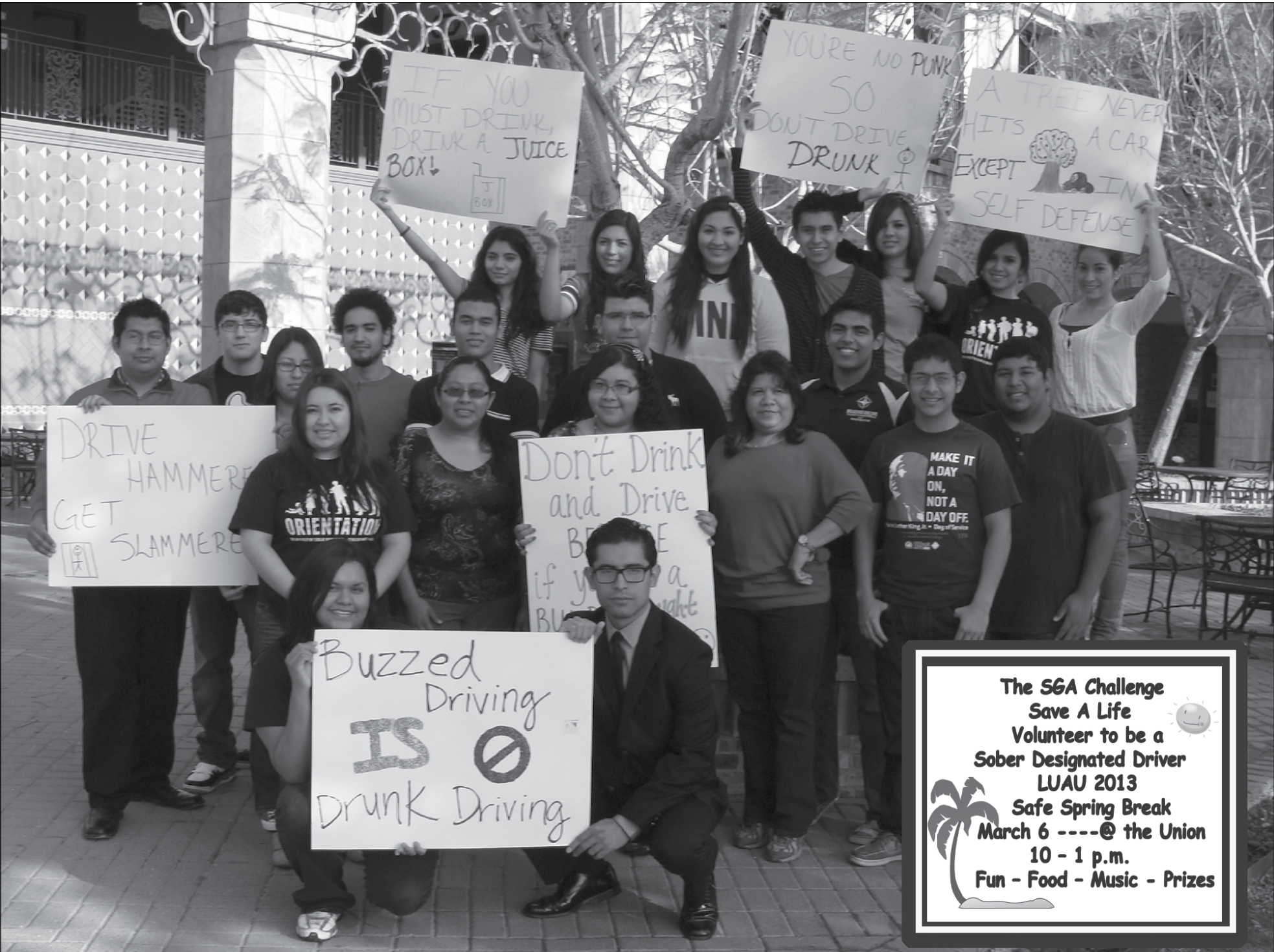
“Yup,” Heise said.

*The Collegian* returned to the meeting around 1:50 p.m. About 15 minutes later, when the Senate President’s report item came up on the agenda, a member of the senate made a motion to go into executive session again, and the motion passed. A faculty member opened the doors of the room so *The Collegian* could leave.

After the meeting, the newspaper asked Heise and Artibise what was discussed in executive session. Both replied that they could not talk about it.

According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, a governmental body “may not conduct the closed meeting unless a quorum of the governmental body first convenes in an open meeting for which notice has been given as provided by [Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.101] and during which the presiding officer publicly: (1) announces that a closed meeting will be held; and (2) identifies the section or sections of this chapter under which the closed meeting is held.”

The Faculty Senate did not identify the section or sections of Government Code Chapter 551 under which the closed meeting would be held.



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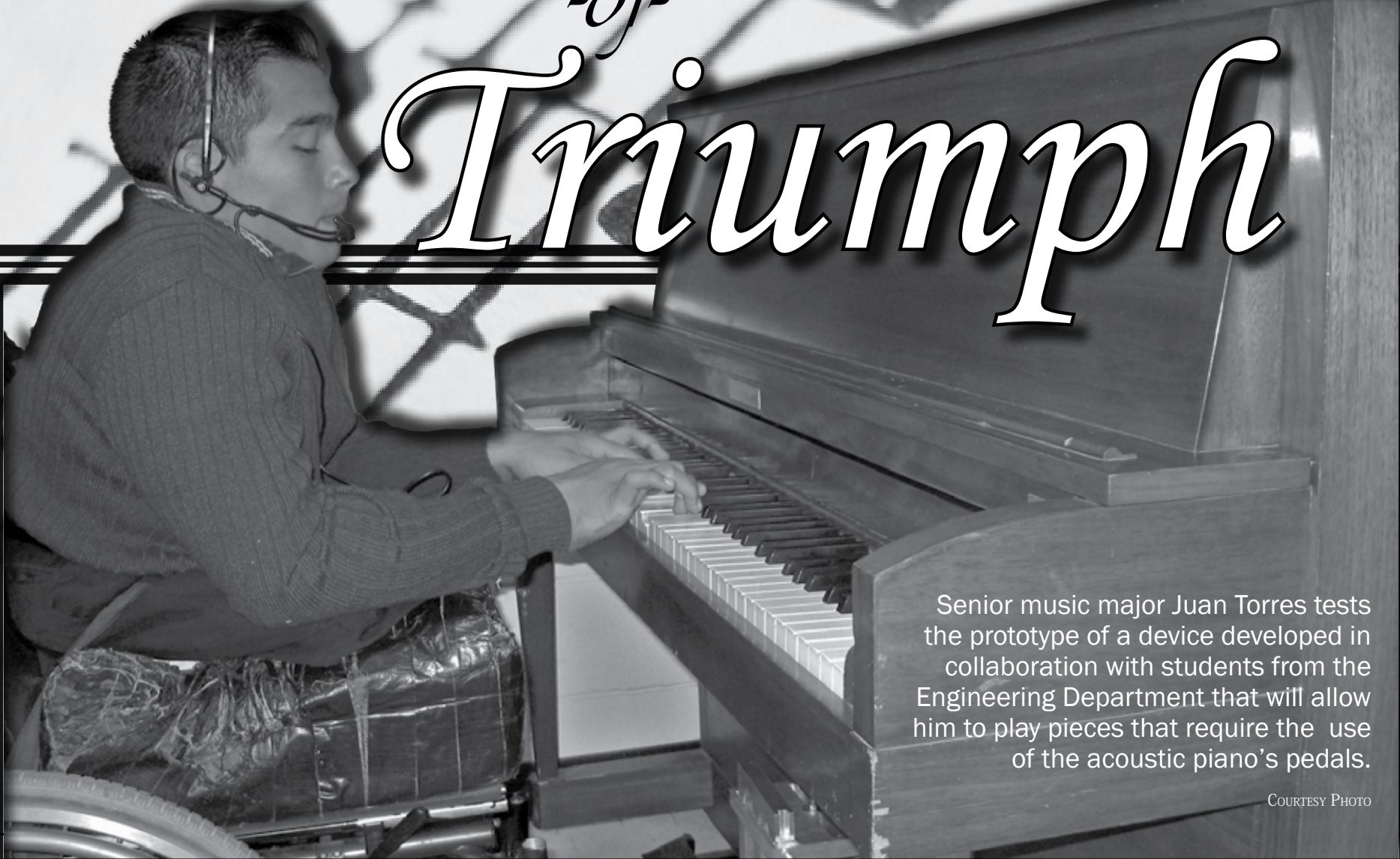
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# The symphony -of- Triumph



Senior music major Juan Torres tests the prototype of a device developed in collaboration with students from the Engineering Department that will allow him to play pieces that require the use of the acoustic piano's pedals.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Engineering Department helps music student achieve his dream

**By Rick Saldivar**  
THE COLLEGIAN

A group of engineering students has created a device that will allow senior music major Juan Torres, who was born without the use of his legs, to play a wider range of compositions that requires the use of the acoustic piano's pedals.

Kenneth Saxon, an associate professor in the Music Department, approached Engineering Department Chair William Berg after searching for possible solutions for Torres to be able to use the piano's pedals.

"Juan Torres went to high school in Brownsville—he went to Lopez. He came to UTB and he was a student of Ms. Mina Kramer. When Ms. Kramer went to Dallas, he became my student," Saxon said during an interview with *The Collegian*. "The pedal is a fundamental part of the piano. One composer said the pedal was the soul of the piano and Juan had always played it beautifully but he did not have access to the pedal and I dreamed that one day we could somehow provide that idea."

After acquiring some ideas from the Internet, Saxon presented the challenge to Berg, who presented the project to then-freshman engineering students.

Saxon explained that the piano, which was first made around 1709, is similar to the harpsichord. But unlike the harpsichord, which plucks the strings, the piano hammers the strings. At the time the piano was developed, the pedal was not an important part of it.

"... But as the technology developed, the pedal became an important part of the piano. ... Composers started writing compositions that required the pedal," Saxon said.

He said Torres had been limited to performing selections from the first 100 years of piano music,

which did not rely entirely on the pedal.

"I wanted him to play all of the piano music and for that he would need the pedal," Saxon said.

Ever since Berg presented the project to the engineering students, Michael R. Espinoza, a junior engineering physics-bioengineering major, and other students have been working closely with Torres to perfect a device that will allow him to easily play a wider range of music.

"There's a couple of people involved," said Espinoza, who is the group leader. "It started in the fall of 2010, [and] it started off with Dr. Saxon practicing with Juan. They had the idea and Dr. Saxon came over to the Engineering Department, talked to Dr. Berg about the whole project idea and Dr. Berg from there presented us freshmen this project."

Although the group has gone through four major stages in their project, Torres had already tried another device found by Saxon on the Internet.

"It was like a seatbelt and it was controlled by your air," he said. "When you breathe out and breathe in, you lose a lot of energy, air, and it had to be a lot of extra work. It reacted pretty fast, but I was not comfortable. It was only for electric pianos. It was not for acoustic pianos."

Since then, the engineering students and Torres have developed different devices that led to their latest prototype.

"We've gone through a couple of different devices where like one of them was just some two-by-fours nailed together suspending this motor type of thing," Espinoza said. "Right now, we've actually just finished working some tweaks on the shop. That's what we're going to use to present in the concert we're going to have on April 4th. We're going to make sure to have backup systems and everything like that."

Espinoza explained that the prototype consists

of a few main parts.

"There's one big main piece of it and that gets positioned at the main pedal of a piano. ... Basically, this device is positioned there and works with a motor that presses the pedal," he said. "The part that interacts with Juan is a receiver, which receives the signal from a wireless remote controller that he wears. This remote control is connected to a bite switch, which basically looks like the end of a pen, and whenever Juan bites the switch, it closes the circuit and it tells the pedal 'OK, push ...' depending on whatever Juan needs for a certain section of the music."

He added that the bite switch was found on a parachuting website. Parachutists use the bite switch when they skydive and take pictures as they fall. Conceptus, the company that makes the switch, donated one to the group after they described their project.

Torres is thankful to Espinoza and the Engineering Department for their help.

"You can play the piano without a pedal, but not a lot of pieces," he said. "There's some composers, like Mozart and the Classical and Baroque eras, where you don't need the pedal, but once you come into the Romantic era or the 20th century era, there you need a pedal because there's a wide range of keys where you need to sustain a key, while you're playing other keys. ... When I wanted to play Romantic music, I couldn't play it because I needed the pedal. It was essential to play it."

He explained that the latest device created by the group has allowed him to play music that he could not play before and how much of a difference this will have in his development as a pianist.

Torres' upcoming concert featuring classical music at 7 p.m. April 4 in the Arts Center will debut the group's latest prototype. Admission is free.

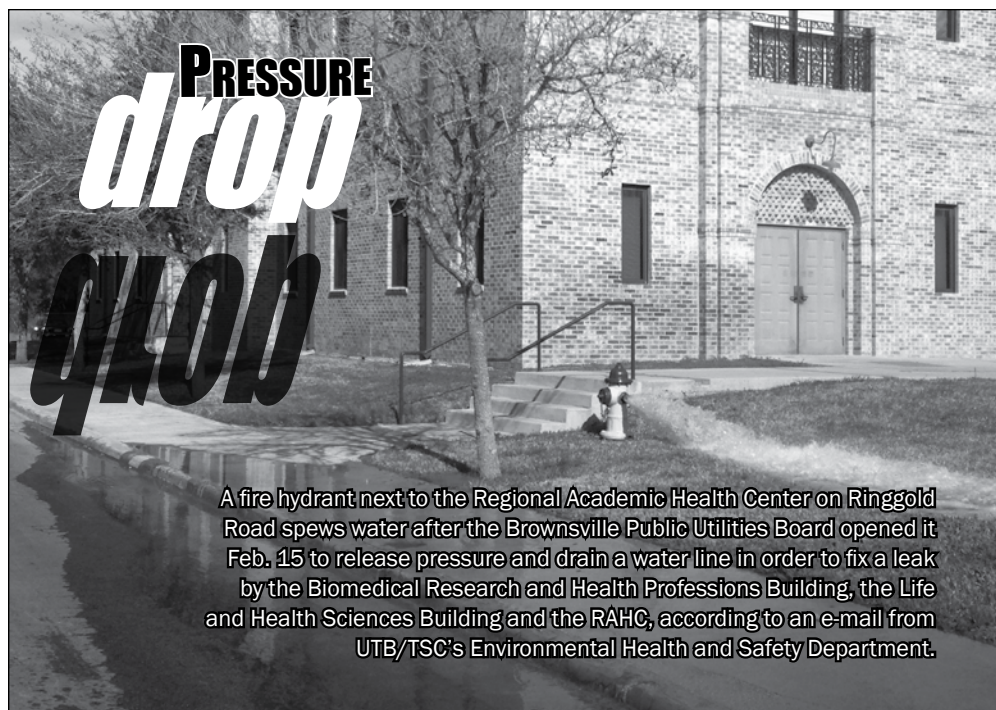




## Faculty ART SHOW

Visual Arts Lecturer Stephen Hawks shows one of his ceramic works to senior art student Jorge Estrada during last Tuesday's opening reception for the Faculty Art Show held in the Gallery at Rustenberg Hall.

GABRIELA MORENO/COLLEGIAN



A fire hydrant next to the Regional Academic Health Center on Ringgold Road spews water after the Brownsville Public Utilities Board opened it Feb. 15 to release pressure and drain a water line in order to fix a leak by the Biomedical Research and Health Professions Building, the Life and Health Sciences Building and the RAHC, according to an e-mail from UTB/TSC's Environmental Health and Safety Department.

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## ‘Mano a Maño’

About 50 people attend last Thursday's immigration rally held outside the Dancy Building in downtown Brownsville. During the event, immigrants retailed their experiences and why they believe immigration reform is of great importance. The event was sponsored by Mano a Mano, Proyecto Juan Diego and Movimiento del Valle por los Derechos Humanos.



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developmental education courses and to accelerate learning by giving students the opportunity to take general education courses while completing their developmental education coursework,” Tercero said.

She said the grant will also help to fund the faculty in the program.

With the grant from the Southern Education Foundation, Tercero said TSC will apply curricular and structural changes to its developmental education program.

“Under our new direction, we’re going to have a new division of college preparatory studies,” she said. “That will be our developmental education area. That will allow our students, basically, the opportunity to reduce the time they spend in developmental education courses and thus reduce their time to graduation.”

After the meeting, Tercero told *The Collegian*: “Both of these funding sources are a wonderful support for us. I think it’s recognition that what we’re proposing to do is something that the state believes should be done. So for us it’s exciting to see the vision we have for this area is being supported by the state and others.”

The board of trustees announced the appointment of Arnold Trejo as the director of Financial Aid and Angela Wolf as the director of Educational Technology and Curricular Innovation.

Trejo has more than 30 years of experience in student financial aid and recruitment and enrollment services.

He previously served as the executive provost and director of financial aid for Texas A&M University in College Station.

Trejo also served as assistant vice president, director of student outreach and financial services and director of financial aid at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg.

“I’m very excited about our students because we’re going to have low tuition [and] high-quality programs,” he told the board. “Let’s not go the student loan route. It’s going to be my job to chase after grant funding ... protect the Pell grant program, protect the TEXAS Grant Program in the state of Texas and be the advocate and champion for our students.”

Wolf has more than 15 years of experience in teaching in the Applied

Business Technology Department in TSC. She has taught online, hybrid and regular courses full time and consults with businesses in the Rio Grande Valley to instruct personnel on the use of Microsoft Office applications.

“I’ve been in this institution for a long time,” Wolf said. “I have a passion for helping anybody, especially when it comes to teaching. I’m really looking forward to helping the faculty transition into the Pearson’s learning platform.”

Trejo began his work at TSC last Wednesday and Wolf will start June 1.

In other matters, Tercero announced the collaboration with the Brownsville Independent School District for the TSC Career and Technical Academy in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology.

This program will allow junior and senior BISD students to obtain 24 dual credit hours from TSC, she said. After the students graduate, they will enroll in TSC and obtain the remaining nine credit hours to obtain a Level 1 technician certificate.

Then, after having two years of experience in the field, students will be eligible for a license.

Tercero said if the students choose, they can return to TSC and take an additional nine hours in heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) along with 15 general education courses and earn an associate’s degree of applied science.

BISD has agreed to lease HVAC equipment that will be used in the program for \$1 a year.

“This is just one of the academies that we’ll be moving forth with. ... We have many more that we will be bringing forth to you as we progress over the next several months,” Tercero said.

She said the program will also allow people from the community to enter and will probably have between 25 and 35 students, including 20 from BISD.

After the meeting, Tercero said the academy has yet to be finalized and will not become effective until Fall 2013.

TSC is also meeting with other school districts within Cameron and Willacy counties to discuss dual credit opportunities, she said.

A signing of the partnership with BISD will take place at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center.

planned for the event.

“We invite Brownsville’s community to live an unforgettable moment and to enjoy our most appreciated celebration,” Patiño said.

For more information on the Mr. Amigo celebration, call Student Life at 882-5138.

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advised the commission to table the item.

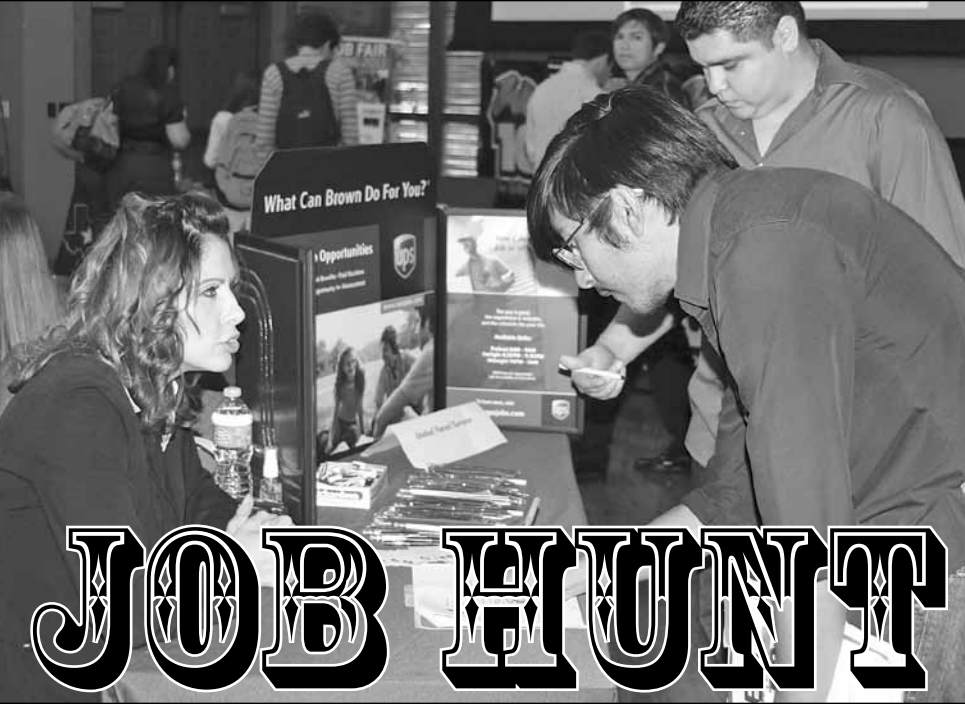
In other matters, Mayor Tony Martinez accepted a trophy and plaque on behalf of the city, which won first place in the mid-sized city category of the 2012 Healthy at H-E-B Community Challenge by earning 250,500 points.

“The challenge itself required many entities to come together ... to put their school activities together and everything that was going on in the community,” said Public Health Director Arturo Rodriguez. “The fact that as a community we came

together to show how Brownsville can make a healthy Brownsville a norm is really a big step forward.”

The commission also approved using funds from the Plastic Bag Remittance Fee for the March 9 composting workshop that will be held on the UTB/TSC campus.

Joe Lee Rubio was appointed to the Brownsville Beautification Committee; Joe Rodriguez, Rene Van Maaften and Evelyn Cantu were appointed to the Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee; and Rose Marie Lehmann and Esmeralda Farias Cavazos were appointed to the Brownsville Public Library System Advisory Board.



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN

Norma Lujano, a recruiter for UPS and graduate of UTB/TSC, informs Alexander Perez (right) and José Garza (background) about the company’s part-time opportunities in the Rio Grande Valley. A total of 662 students and 62 recruiters attended the All Majors Employment and Career Fair hosted by the UTB/TSC Career Services Department last Thursday in the Student Union’s Gran Salón.

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children in the Raul J. Guerra Early Childhood Center, and junior communication major Cleiri Quezada with group Sonora Norteño, among others, are



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Ninth- and 10th-graders from Rio Grande Valley high schools participate in the American Mathematics Competitions 10 and 12 held on the UTB/TSC campus last Wednesday. The contests were sponsored by the university’s Mathematics Department to increase interest in mathematics in high school students and develop problem solving. A total of 110 freshmen and sophomores and 112 juniors and seniors from nine different high schools competed, Mathematics Chair Jerzy Mogilski told *The Collegian* via e-mail. The awards ceremony was held last Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

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MICHELLE ESPINOZA/COLLEGIAN

# Athlete of the Week

When did you begin playing golf and why did you start playing? “I started playing golf when I was about 6 years old. I always wanted to do everything that my brother and my dad were doing and my brother was always playing golf and he was traveling, so I wanted to do it, too.”

Did you play in high school and did you get any awards? “I did play in high school. I won district my junior and my senior year.”

What is your favorite movie? “My favorite movie would probably have to be ‘21 Jump Street.’ It’s hilarious; I can watch it over and over again and it never gets old.”

What are your goals for this season? “To come back and win conference again and, hopefully, place at nationals and maybe even win nationals if I can.”

Is there a song that gets your head in the game? “I don’t have a set song but usually it’s a Mac Miller song. He’s my favorite artist, so most of the time it’s a Mac Miller song.”

—Compiled by Kaila Contreras

**Name:** Alaine Muro  
**Classification:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Exercise Science  
**Sport:** Golf  
**Hometown:** McAllen  
**Who is your favorite athlete?** “[Pro golfer] Rory McIlroy. I like the way he carries himself, I like the way he’s so young and he’s already accomplished a lot and he’s trying to follow in the footsteps of Tiger Woods.” McIlroy is from Holywood, County Down, Northern Ireland. In 2012, he won the PGA Tour, the PGA Player of the Year and Byron Nelson awards.

**Who is your role model?** “My parents; they taught me a lot, got me to where I am today and always believed in me.”

**What do you like to do for fun?** “I like to listen to music, watch movies, hang out with friends and pretty much just hang out at the dorms, too.”

# Golf teams place at UH-Victoria tourney

Women finish eighth and men ninth

By Michelle Espinoza  
THE COLLEGIAN

The UTB/TSC Men’s and Women’s golf teams took ninth and eighth place, respectively, at the Claud Jacobs Invitational Tournament hosted Feb. 17 and 18 by the University of Houston-Victoria.

The women’s team finished the par 72 course with a 664 overall score through 36 holes, according to an Athletics Department news release. The men earned a three-round total of 921.

Oklahoma City University won the women’s tourney with a team score of 585, while Northwood University won the men’s contest with a 903.

“Both of the [UTB/TSC] teams played pretty solid,” Head Coach Anthony Lopez told *The Collegian* in a phone interview last Thursday.

The women posted two of their best scores of the spring semester.

“This past tournament I

really think they’ve realized their potential and I think it’s going to carry them on throughout the rest of the semester and, hopefully, we will have a really good finish at the conference tournament.”

Asked about the men’s team, Lopez replied: “The men played well, too. ... We were within striking distance of third place and we did not have a good last nine holes and were not able to finish well. Had we just had a little bit better finish ... we would’ve improved our ranking, our position, by about four or five spots in the team positions.”

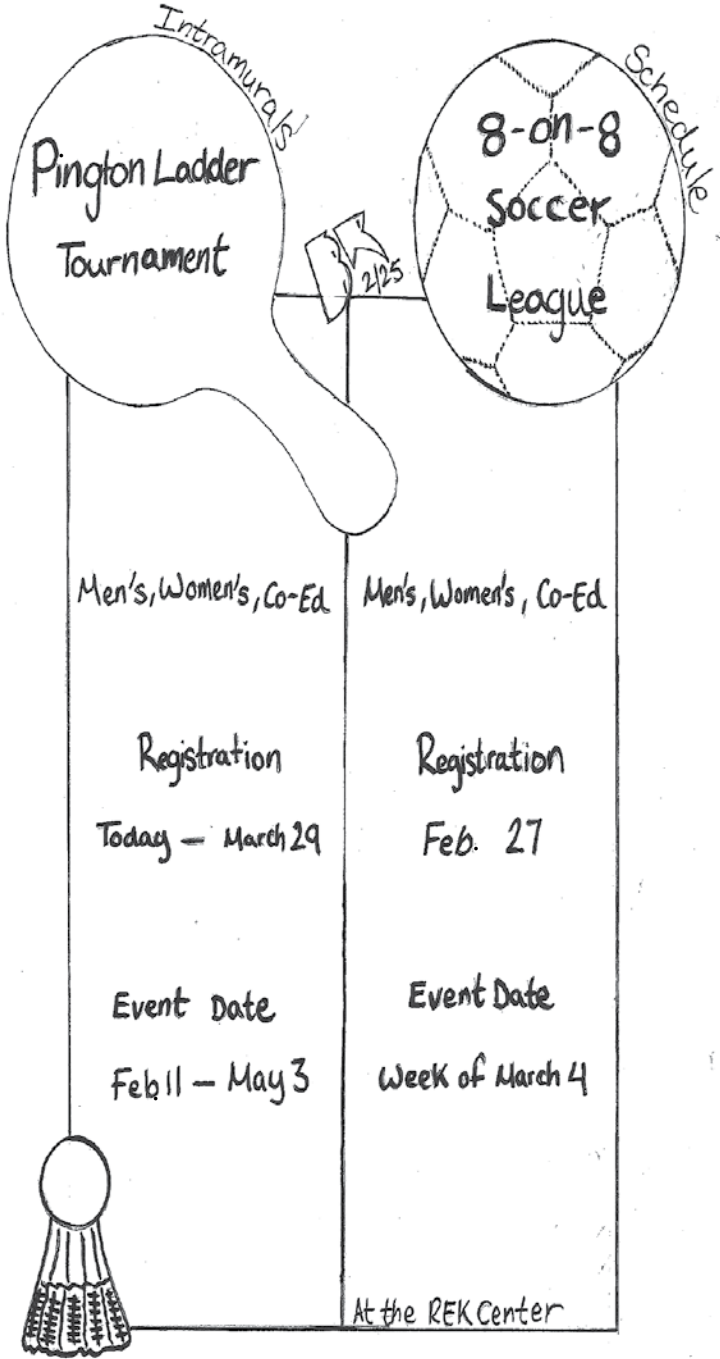
Junior Gage Murphy earned ninth place individually with a score of 71 in the third round which was the best score among the men’s team. Sophomore Veronika Vasquez ranked the best among the women’s team, tying for 15th place individually with a 156.

Today, the men’s team co-hosted a tournament with Oklahoma Christian University



at TPC San Antonio, which serves as the Valero Texas Open stop for the prestigious 2013 PGA Tour. The San Antonio Shootout results were not available at press time.

The women will compete next at the Bluebonnet Classic to be hosted March 25 by Northwood University at the Tangle Ridge Golf Course in Grand Prairie.



Fly Boyz member Eliseo Garza III (left) runs past Wild Ones defender Chris Garcia during Campus Recreation’s Intramurals Flag Football Tournament Feb. 15 at the REK Center field.



# Battle on the gridiron



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Fly Boyz captain Kameron Sheppard (center) jukes Wild Ones captain Mark Sada (left) and runs into Wild Ones defenders Alexis Monjaras and Diego Nieto. The Wild Ones won the game 16-12. The men’s championship game was postponed Feb. 15 due to rain and is scheduled at 7 p.m. Friday. In the co-ed championship game Feb. 15, The Outlawz defeated Kappa TKE 53-14.



# Trabajan por una reforma migratoria justa

Dignidad, igualdad, y justicia es lo que piden los activistas de Brownsville

Por Viridiana Zúñiga

EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Como parte de las manifestaciones en busca de una reforma migratoria, una multitud se reunió frente al Edificio Dancy para participar en una vigilia que abordó las exigencias y necesidades de los inmigrantes ilegales en Estados Unidos.

“Queremos empujar nuestra perspectiva de lo que queremos con esta reforma migratoria”, dijo Rogelio Núñez, director del Movimiento del Valle por los Derechos Humanos. “Queremos la legalización de 11 millones de inmigrantes sin documentos y queremos que sea humanitaria y que sea justa”.

La vigilia fue un simulacro de lo que miembros del Movimiento del Valle y otras organizaciones humanitarias planean hacer hoy en Washington, D.C. Cientos de personas harán visitas a los congresistas y senadores, de acuerdo a Martha Mateos, miembro del Movimiento.

“Para que nuestras voces sean escuchadas, nuestro mensaje debe ser llevado hasta allá”, dijo Mateos.

Varias personas con estatus migratorio ilegal expusieron sus vivencias y anhelos frente a la multitud.

“Somos gente que sólo quiere



HÉCTOR AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

trabajar para sacar a nuestras familias adelante”, dijo Erick López, miembro del Movimiento. “No más familias en prisión, no más daño psicológico, no más angustias para nuestros hijos que se quedan esperando en las escuelas porque papá o mamá fueron detenidos por la policía por no tener un estatus legal en este país”.

El viernes, organizaron una marcha de 200 personas rumbo al Capitolio de Austin, según Dina Núñez, coordinadora del Movimiento y organizadora de la vigilia.

“Ya sabemos por medio de diferentes estudios que la frontera está segura, que tenemos 22,500 agentes de la patrulla fronteriza”,

Diana Hernández, miembro de “Movimiento del Valle por los derechos humanos”, una organización que busca armar a los inmigrantes con información para defender sus derechos en los Estados Unidos estuvo presente con su hija durante la vigilia de inmigración que se llevó a cabo afuera del Edificio Dancy en el centro de Brownsville el jueves pasado. Aproximadamente 50 personas asistieron al evento. El evento fue patrocinado por Mano a Mano, Proyecto Juan Diego y Movimiento del Valle por los Derechos Humanos.

dijo Rogelio Núñez. “No queremos más patrulla, no porque no queremos que vigile, sino porque sabemos que hay violaciones de derechos humanos, pues en los últimos dos años, 17 personas fueron asesinadas por la patrulla fronteriza”.

El director dijo que durante el periodo presidencial de Obama ha habido 1.5 millones de deportaciones y que 1 millón de inmigrantes decidió regresar a México debido a que la situación cambió en los últimos 20 o 30 años.

“Eso de decir que hay más gente que está entrando y que si les damos la legalización va a haber más gente que va a entrar no es verdad, la gente ya no está entrando como antes”, él dijo. “Queremos

que la comunidad, el Congreso y el presidente sepa que las cosas han cambiado y que ya no queremos más patrulla fronteriza porque la frontera está segura”.

El Movimiento es una organización que imparte entrenamiento a los inmigrantes ilegales sobre sus derechos constitucionales y civiles. Los miembros imparten clases durante seis meses en la que los aconsejan sobre los pasos que deben seguir al ser investigados por la patrulla fronteriza.

“Por ejemplo, les enseñamos que cuando la patrulla les toca la puerta no necesariamente los tienen que dejar entrar”, dijo Rogelio Núñez. “Si aprenden la constitución sabrán que hay una enmienda que dice que no tienes que abrirle la puerta a menos que traigan una orden de cateo y que esa orden de cateo traiga el nombre de la persona que andan buscando”.

El director dijo que la organización invita a los indocumentados a participar en actos cívicos, como la recolección de votos, para prepararlos como ciudadanos cuando se logre la reforma de migración.

“Trabajamos juntos por una reforma migratoria justa para todas las personas que día a día ponemos nuestro granito de arena en esta nación”, dijo López.

# Habrá suspiros en el campus por Mr. Amigo

La comunidad celebrará las fiestas charras con el actor Eduardo Yáñez

Por Viridiana Zúñiga

EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Una vez más UTB/TSC abrirá sus puertas para recibir a Mr. Amigo 2012, Eduardo Yáñez, dentro del marco de las celebraciones del Día del Charro, este jueves.

“Mr. Amigo es un embajador mexicano que representa la amistad y bondad de su nación”, dijo Yesenia Patiño, presidente de la Asociación de Mr. Amigo. “Siempre tratamos de elegir a alguien querido y respetado por el público, con una gran carrera y que represente a México con la cabeza en alto”.

Yáñez, de 52 años, reconocido actor de telenovelas, aceptó con gusto el nombramiento de Mr. Amigo en noviembre del año

pasado. Ha participado en 13 telenovelas, entre las que destacan “Dulce desafío”(1989), “Destilando amor” (2010) y “Fuego en la Sangre” (2010) y en 31 películas como “Striptease” (1996) y “The Punisher” (2004). Actualmente personifica a “Arriaga”, un guardaespaldas enamorado de su jefa, en la telenovela “Amores Verdaderos” (2012).

Grandes personajes mexicanos como Cantinflas, Angélica María, María Félix, Juan Gabriel y Vicente Fernández han engalanado las fiestas charras desde 1964. El primer mexicano que fue nombrado Mr. Amigo fue el ex presidente Miguel Alemán.

“Matamoros y Brownsville han sido ciudades hermanas desde hace muchísimos años; hay una larga historia de amistad que



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cada año precisamente se vuelve a fortalecer y se vuelve a recordar a través de las fiestas del charro,” dijo el alcalde de Matamoros, Alfonso Sánchez. “Es una tradición importantísima que debemos seguir fomentando. Es ahora, en momentos difíciles, cuando debemos trabajar, apoyarnos y fortalecernos como hermanos, pues para que le vaya bien a una ciudad, le tiene que ir bien a la otra”.

La Asociación Mr. Amigo, establecida hace 49 años, consta de 18 miembros voluntarios y tiene como propósito fortalecer la amistad entre Matamoros y Brownsville y celebrar la cultura que comparten estas ciudades.

Por su parte, UTB/TSC llevará a cabo el tradicional desfile de carritos de golf en el que participarán 23 departamentos de la escuela. El desfile comenzará a las 10:30 a.m. en Student Union y terminará en el Arts Center donde

la universidad recibirá a Mr. Amigo, según Sergio Martínez, director de Student Life.

A las 11 de la mañana, habrá presentaciones musicales y bailables en el Arts Center previas a la llegada de Yáñez, quien intervendrá en el programa a las 11:30 a.m.

Habrá participaciones del Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán, Mariachi Ocelotetlán, de los niños de Raul J. Guerra Early Childhood Center y la estudiante de comunicación Cleiri Quezada cantará acompañada por el grupo musical Sonora Norteño, entre otros.

El evento estará abierto al público.

“Invitamos a toda la comunidad de Brownsville a vivir un año inolvidable y a disfrutar de la fiesta más nuestra que tenemos”, dijo Patiño.

Para más información sobre los eventos de la universidad, llame a Student Life al 882-5138.



VITIDIANA ZUÑIGA/ COLLEGIAN

**Nombre:** Meysam Heydari Gharahcheshmeh  
**Edad:** 28 años  
**Especialidad:** Física  
**Clasificación:** Estudiante graduado  
**País natal:** Teherán, República Islámica de Irán  
**¿Qué idioma hablas?** “Persa, inglés y turco.”  
**¿Por qué decidiste estudiar aquí?** “Tengo una maestría en ingeniería mecánica y quise buscar un doctorado en Estados Unidos. Entonces, no pasé el examen de inglés en muchas universidades y traté de entrar a la Universidad Panamericana de Texas y me aceptaron, pero después descubrí que había solicitado entrar a UTB y no a UTPA”.

**¿Qué tradiciones hay en tu país?** “Somos una mezcla de persas con islamitas. Celebramos el año nuevo persa con nuestra familia. Cuando una persona mayor pasa, nos levantamos de nuestros asientos en señal de respeto. Cuando entran mis maestros al salón, siempre me levanto. Nosotros respetamos a todas las culturas”.

**Menciona algunos platillos típicos:** “El arroz y el azafrán son muy comunes e importantes. Mi país exporta azafrán, por eso es muy barato allá. Es muy común tener panaderías en todas partes.”

**¿Cuáles son los lugares turísticos?** “Tenemos el mar Caspio, donde el clima es muy húmedo. Tenemos montañas con nieve donde puedes esquiar. Hay un lugar para cada tipo de clima. Es un lugar muy interesante para visitar porque tenemos monumentos de mil años de antigüedad”.

**¿Qué diferencias y similitudes encuentras entre tu país y E.E.U.U.?** “Vengo de una ciudad muy grande con un estilo de vida comparado a Nueva York o Los Ángeles. ... Mi país es rico en gas y petróleo, entonces todo es muy barato. Por ejemplo, mi ropa y accesorios son de marcas reconocidas como Gucci y Prada. ... A mí se me hace natural, no extraño, porque la verdad es que me costaron como \$50 y \$70 en Irán, porque el gobierno paga el 70 por ciento del precio de las cosas. Otra cosa diferente es la manera de vestir; me sorprende ver a personas usando pantalones cortos y sandalias en público.”

**Menciona algunas ideas erróneas que tiene la gente sobre tu país:** “Sólo hablo de lo que conozco, así que no puedo opinar de muchas cosas. Todos somos iguales, si nos preguntan sobre las ideas erróneas de nuestro país, diremos: ‘Siguiente pregunta’”.

**Anécdota:** “No estoy acostumbrado a escuchar nombres hispanos; entonces, una vez, fui a un bar y conocí a una mujer. Le pregunté su nombre y seguimos hablando. De repente, llega un amigo mío y los presento así: ‘Mira, esta es mi amiga Perra’ y en eso, la mujer se enoja, alega y yo no entiendo por qué. Entonces me dice: ‘Me llamo Brenda, no Perra’. Ya después me explicaron por qué se molestó conmigo”.

—Recopilado por Viridiana Zúñiga



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Unos estudiantes se reúnen el jueves pasado en los Gazebos cercanos a Eidman Hall para filmar una parodia del popular video “Harlem Shake”.